

Application Serial No. 10/540,147

Attorney Docket No. PF030010

REMARKS

Claims 1-2 and 5-8 remain pending in this application with claims 2 and 5-8 being amended. Support for amendments to the claims is found throughout the specification, specifically on page 2, lines 4-6 and 28. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that no new matter is added by the amended claims.

Applicant wishes to thank Examiner Lee for the courtesy extended in the telephone interview of Monday, October 29, 2007 in which the claim amendments were discussed. The Examiner indicated that the amendments were acceptable and satisfy the rejection under 35 USC 112, first paragraph.

Objection to the Specification

The specification is objected to for certain informalities in the description. Specifically, the phrase "by projection or brush" on page 2, line 28 is objected to for vagueness. The phrase "by projection or brush" refers to two known methods for metallizing a foam tube or bar. Brush refers to the means used to apply a metallization by using a brush on the foam tube. Projection refers to the method of projecting the metallization using a paint gun or similar device. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that the specification is clear and that no amendment is necessary. It is further respectfully submitted that the methods described in the specification are known and no further description is necessary. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that this objection to the specification has been satisfied and should be withdrawn.

Rejection of Claims 6-8 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph

Claim 6-8 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention.

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Claim 6 has been amended to recite "the largest diameter of the bar being noticeably equal to the internal diameter of the tube." This phrase is a direct quotation from the originally specification and is found on page 2, lines 4-6. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that no new matter is added by this amendment. Therefore, in view of the amendment to claim 6, it is further respectfully submitted that the rejection of claim 6 has been satisfied and should be withdrawn.

Claims 7 and 8 are dependent on claim 6, and therefore, in view of the above remarks and amendment to claim 6, it is respectfully submitted that the rejection of claim 5, 7 and 8 have been satisfied and should be withdrawn.

In view of the above remarks and amendment to claim 6, it is respectfully submitted that claims 6 complies with the written description requirement under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph. Furthermore, it is respectfully submitted that claims 7 and 8 are dependent on claim 6 and are allowable in view of the amendment to claim 6. It is thus further respectfully submitted that this rejection is satisfied and should be withdrawn.

Objection to Claims 2, 5, 7, and 8

Claims 2, 5, 7 and 8 are objected to for certain informalities. Claims 2, 5, 7, and 8 have been amended in accordance with the comments in the Office Action to recite "wherein the periodic curve includes a plurality of crenelations...." In view of the amendments to the claims, it is respectfully submitted that the objection to claims 2, 5, 7, and 8 has been satisfied and should be withdrawn.

Having fully addressed the Examiner's rejections, it is believed that, in view of the amendments and remarks, this application stands in condition for allowance. Accordingly then, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully solicited. If, however, the Examiner is of the opinion that such action cannot be taken, the Examiner is invited to contact the applicant's attorney at the phone number below, so that a mutually convenient date and time for a telephonic interview may be scheduled.

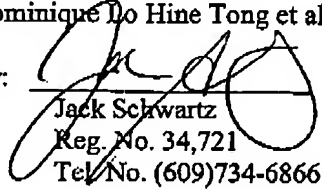
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No additional fee is believed due. However, if a fee is due, please charge the fee to
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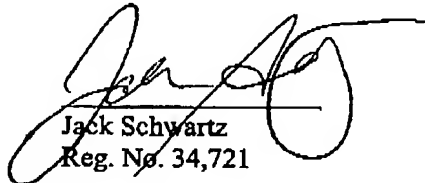
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